

THE PARKER-ASTIN HARDWARE COMPANY

A Business Enterprise That Would Be
Credit to Any City in
Texas.

A reporter for The Eagle had the pleasure a few days ago of being shown through the mammoth business of the Parker-Astin Hardware Company, being carried through the three floors of their big Main street building and their large warehouse on Bryan street. It was indeed a revelation, and no one who has not actually gone through this great business and seen for himself can fully realize its magnitude.

Since the business was purchased by the new company last summer from Mr. J. Allen Myers there have been many changes and improvements. In other words, it has been modernized in every respect. When the change in ownership was first made the building was completely remodeled so as to more perfectly meet the demands of the great business already thoroughly established, yet to be enlarged and expanded from year to year. A complete description of the changes in the building has already been published in these columns. All of them were made, however, with the one end in view—making more room and increasing the conveniences and facilities of a great, modern, up-to-date business enterprise.

On the first floor of the building the reporter was shown one of the most magnificent stocks of miscellaneous hardware to be found in the state. One department on this floor is particularly worthy of special mention, and that is the fine brass goods, hand-painted and decorated china, crockery and glassware. It is questionable if this department can be surpassed in the entire state of Texas.

As an idea of the immensity of the stock carried we will refer to some of the items pointed out while being conducted through the building. On the second floor we were shown, among other things, the following items:

One solid car of steel beam Oliver turning plows, with a vast quantity of extras, including points, landlides, etc.

A solid car of glassware, enough to fill an ordinary size house.

A solid car of rope of all sizes.

A solid car of loaded shells.

A solid car of cultivators.

A solid car of sweeps.

A solid car of stoves and ranges.

A solid car of wagon woodwork.

On this floor we were also shown the company's splendid plumber's goods. A room for the purpose has been nicely fitted up and in this is shown an elegant line of bath tubs, lavatories, sinks, toilets, etc. No nicer line is carried by the large city stores, and no matter how particular you are, they have the goods that will please you.

We were next taken to the third floor, and here we found even more goods stored than even on the first and second floors. On this floor we were shown:

Three cars of stoves, both cook-stoves and heaters.

A car of Empress and Twentieth Century cultivators, both riding and walking.

A car of iron for the tin shop.

We were next carried to the large warehouse on Bryan street and the amount of goods stored there would seem, to the uninitiated, impossible to ever be disposed of. Here are some of the items:

Two cars of corrugated iron.

A car of barbed wire.

A car of hog wire and poultry netting.

A car of John Deere stalk cutters.

A car of John Deere cultivators, riding and walking.

A car of Kingman stalk cutters and cultivators.

A car and a half of Peter Shulter wagons.

A car of Studebaker wagons.

A car of jugs and stoneware.

A car of charcoal.

A car of pipe.

A car of blacksmith coal.

A car of oils and paints.

A car of nails.

A car of steel and iron in bars.

Besides these vast quantities of goods, there were hundreds of other lots of merchandise in less than car lots, which would easily run the stock to a grand total of fifty carloads, and perhaps more.

To conduct a business of this magnitude successfully requires a strong combination of capital and brains, and the well directed efforts of the general manager, several foremen and an army of wide-awake, energetic employees.

The Parker-Astin Hardware Company is officered as follows: John K. Parker, president; John E. Astin, vice president; Seth Mooring, vice president and general manager; and A. W. Wilkerson, secretary-treasurer.

Bookkeeper—George G. Griffin.
Salesmen—J. D. Martin, J. I. Barron, W. J. Hajek, Mr. Felder, Tom Higga, John Lawless, L. Mendola and Miss Hood.

Plumbers—Charles Sargent, Tim Kickum, John Vesmirovsky, Aubrey Foreman and Guy Dansby.

Tinners—A. Jahn, Hugo Jahn, Alva Parnell, Frank Fickey and Ed Oden.

Porters—Aaron Thompson and Will Townsend.

With the strong personnel of the Parker-Astin Hardware Company as shown by the above list of officers, assisted by their able corps of employees, and backed by ample capital, it is a self-evident fact that a great, active, moving, vital commercial force has been put in motion that means great things for the community in which it is located. A great future awaits the Parker-Astin Hardware Company.

DEMOCRATS SHORT ON COIN

Washington, Jan. 4.—Democratic leaders from all over the United States are beginning to arrive in the capital today in advance of the meeting of the national committee next Monday.

It is stated on good authority that the treasury of the national campaign management is as bare as the famous cupboard of Old Mother Hubbard and that one of the principal matters before the coming meeting will be ways and means of raising the wind.

"We have the platform and we have the men," said a man close to National Chairman Mack, "but alas! we haven't the coin. Every dollar raised for the 1908 campaign was spent and all is lost save hope."

Although New York got into the game rather late in the day, the democrats of the metropolis, assisted by the hotels and other business interests, are making a great fight for the democratic national convention. Many of the politicians now here believe that holding the big gathering in New York would help to carry that state for the democracy next November.

DELAY FOR STEEL TRUST

Washington, Jan. 4.—An inquiry into the transportation of ore was commenced today by the congressional committee which is investigating the steel trust, but it is understood that this will end the investigation and that no other phases of the matter will be taken up.

An extension of time until the first of next month has been granted to the United States Steel Corporation and individual defendants in the government suit brought under the Sherman anti-trust law. The federal court at Trenton, N. J., granted the postponement, with the consent of District Attorney Vreeland and the department of justice at Washington.

FIGHT DRINKING CUP LAW

Newark, N. J., Jan. 4.—On application of the Lackawanna, Erie, New Jersey Central and Susquehanna railroads, the New Jersey supreme court at Trenton, will today review the writ of certiorari in which Justice Kalisch granted the roads the right of appeal from the order of the state utilities commission by which all roads operating in New Jersey were required to furnish patrons with sanitary drinking cups free of charge.

Frank H. Somer, counsel for the commission, holds that the board has the right to order "safe and proper service," and drinking water and sanitary cups on trains are held to be part of proper service. He argues that ice water tanks are useless without cups, and that a common drinking cup is insanitary and dangerous to health.

BIDS FOR NEW WARSHIPS

Washington, Jan. 4.—Bids were opened at the navy department today for the two battleships authorized at the last session of congress. There is a possibility that both vessels will be constructed in government yards, since the private ship building firms declare that it is out of the question for them to engage in the work profitably under the new eight-hour law.

The two new vessels will be named Oklahoma and Nevada and will be the most formidable fighting machines in the American navy. They will have main batteries of ten 14-inch guns and will be "near" sister ships of the Wyoming and Arkansas. The last named vessels are of 27,000 tons displacement, but it is understood that the Oklahoma and Nevada will be slightly heavier.

WINNEPEG TO GULF HIGHWAY

Great International Roadway That
May Pass Through Bryan.

Fort Worth, Texas, Jan. 4.—Advices have been received here that a meeting of promoters of the "Winnipeg to the Gulf" road will be held at Emporia, Kan., January 17-18. The plan of the proposed international highway is that it shall extend from Winnipeg, Canada, to Galveston, Texas, passing through North Dakota, a corner of Minnesota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. In Texas there are two proposed routes, one being on the east side of the Brazos River through Dallas, following the Houston & Texas Central Railroad, and one on the west side through Fort Worth, following the Santa Fe with cross-overs.

The route for the proposed highway is probably the best that could be selected to traverse the United States from north to south. Thousands of tourists will go north in the summer over this road to the lakes and south in the winter to the winter resorts, while the local travel between county seats and large cities along the road will be enormously increased and facilitated.

ACTRESS TO WED BOSTON MILLIONAIRE

New York, Jan. 4.—Miss Jane Laurel, an actress, and Robert Jordan, a Boston millionaire, will be married early this month, it is announced, and will go to Egypt on their honeymoon.

Miss Laurel, the former co-star with John Drew when he was playing in "Smith" a year ago, first met the Boston millionaire at a dinner during the engagement of her company in that city. Miss Laurel announces that she will quit the stage. She began her professional career with Mr. Sothorn, playing small parts. Afterward she appeared as leading lady in "Sherlock Holmes" with William Gillette. She was with John Drew for two seasons, and a few months ago was playing on a Western tour with Kyrle Bellew when he was stricken and died in Salt Lake City.

After the honeymoon trip abroad the couple will reside in Boston, where Mr. Jordan has extensive mercantile interests.

WOOL MEN WILL PROTEST

Washington, Jan. 4.—Representatives of the wool interests of the country have called a meeting tonight for the purpose of planning a line of campaign against the proposed changes in schedule K, the wool schedule.

According to Secretary N. S. W. McClure of the National Wool Growers' Association, that organization does not approve of the wool rates proposed by the tariff board, and in fact is opposed to any change in the present tariff. The association is preparing to fight for higher rates on raw wool than those that are deemed equitable by the tariff board.

Officials of the wool growers' association allege that the tariff board, in estimating cost of production here and abroad, failed to consider interest charges on the investments in the property involved.

Secretary McClure, commenting on the tariff board's estimate of 11 to 12 cents a pound as the cost of wool production in the West, says:

"In arriving at this cost the board very clearly states that a charge for interest on investment has not been included either in the cost of producing foreign or domestic wool. The report, however, shows that the average interest charge in the West is 10 per cent, while in Australia it is but 5 per cent. In order to definitely determine what a pound of wool is actually costing the Western wool grower, interest, not only on the sheep but on the investment in lands and equipment, should have been included."

Mr. McClure denies that the American wool grower is getting \$2.23 for the wool in a suit of clothes, and alleges that the suit of clothes which the tariff board used as a sample was made of one-half blood Ohio wool, for which the grower received 23 cents a pound.

All other branches of the wool industry have their representatives in Washington today, each armed with facts, figures and statistics to prove that everybody connected with wool, from the sheep to the retailer, is playing a losing game.

Removal Notice!



TAKE pleasure in announcing to my friends and the public that I have leased the WAGNER BUILDING, corner Bryan and Anderson Streets, opposite Postoffice block, and on January 1st will be open for business in same. With the enlarged floor space and more commodious quarters, I will be better prepared than ever to serve you with one of the largest and most complete stocks of FURNITURE ever shown in Bryan. Thanking you for all past favors and asking you to call on me in my new quarters, I am, Yours truly,

W. T. JAMES

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

I will be at the following places for the purpose of receiving taxes for the year A. D. 1911, at time and place stated:

Edge, December 28, 1911.

Kurten, December 29, 1911.

Harvey, January 2, 1912.

Wellborn, January 5, 1912.

Steele's Store, January 8, 1912.

Millican, January 22, 1912.

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